

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 17, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 149, 1/11/2007; HB 196,
1/11/2007; HB 166, 1/12/2007; HB
220, 1/12/2007

00:02:13 Chairman Lake

[EXHIBIT\(tah11a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 220

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:37 Rep. Craig Witte (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB
220, Reduce individual income tax rates.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:57 Rep. McAlpin
00:07:05 Rep. Butcher
00:10:19 Rep. Nooney
00:11:43 Rep. Jopek
00:12:59 Rep. McAlpin
00:15:43 Rep. Nooney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:08 Rep. Craig Witte

HEARING ON HB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:58 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB
149, Increase homestead debt protection.

[EXHIBIT\(tah11a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah11a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:03 Rep. Ross
00:27:51 Rep. McAlpin
00:28:46 Rep. Sonju
00:29:29 Rep. Erickson
00:30:28 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Mike Jopek

00:32:55 Recess
01:59:16 Resume

HEARING ON HB 196

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:48 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 196, Create coal development impact fund.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:05:38 Rick Moore, representing Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:47 Rep. Cohenour
02:10:16 Chris Hunter, Chief of Fisheries, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks Department
02:02:23 Rep. Cohenour
02:15:23 Rep. Jopek
02:15:45 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer,
Governor's Office of Economic Development
02:20:02 Rep. Sonju
02:23:04 Rep. Hamilton
02:24:01 Rep. Lambert
02:24:58 Rep. McAlpin
02:27:32 Rep. Erickson
02:29:57 Rep. Ross
02:34:31 Rep. Jopek
02:38:14 Rep. Lambert
02:39:33 Rep. Cohenour
02:40:57 Rep. Vincent
02:48:08 Rep. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:25 Rep. Michael Lange

HEARING ON HB 166

Due to scheduling conflicts the Hearing of HB 166 (Rep. Holly Raser (D), HD 98 Extend biodiesel tax credit) was cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.
02:54:27

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah11aad.pdf](#))